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SUBJECT: SEABEE AFFAIRS BEIRUT

- 1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO PENDING ASSIGNMENT CPO KENNETH GRIFFOR, VICE CPO JAMES R. ORCHARD.
- 2. AM INFORMED CHIEF ORCHARD APPROACHED AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL THIS DATE TO INSURE REGISTRATION OF TWO GRIFFOR CHILDREN IN GRADES TWO AND FOUR RESPECTIVELY. REGISTRAR INFORMED ORCHARD SHE HAS ONE OPENING FOR FOURTH GRADE WHICH WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE NECESSARY INTERCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ACCOMPLISHED AND TWO, POSSIBLY THREE, OPENINGS IN SECOND GRADE VERY LIKELY TO BE FILLED BEFORE ACCEPTANCE OF GRIFFOR CHILD CAN BE EFFECTED.
- 3. SCHOOLING IS PROBLEM AT BEST. THERE ARE SOME DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS WHICH MIGHT ACCEPT CHILDREN BUT PAST EXPERIENCE AT BEIRUT INDICATES UNDESIRABILITY OF ATTEMPTING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN OTHER THAN AMERICAN SCHOOLS.
- 4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, SUGGEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF CPO GRIFFOR TO BEIRUT.
- 5. NEW TOPIC: CPO JAMES R. ORCHARD THIS DATE SHOWED RSS DCOUMENTS INDICATING THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED CLAIM 24 NOVEMBER 1973 FOR REIMBURSEMENT DENTAL CARE AND STATED HE HAS RECEIVED NEITHER CHECK NOR CORRESPONDENCE. CLAIM WAS DIRECTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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09403, WITH ATTACHED NAMED A7 FORM AND PAID RECIPT FROM DENTIST. AMOUNT WAS DOLLARS TWENTY. COPIES OF CLAIM WERE SENT TO CINCUSNAVEUR, CODE N42; AND TO OIC, NSU, STATE DEPARTMENT.

6. ACCORDING TO ORCHARD, EXTREMELY LONG DELAYS IN SECURING MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH CHAMPUS ARE ROUTINE IN BEIRUT. APPEARS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY REDUCE HARDSHIP CAUSED BY OUTRAGEOUS DELAYS IN REIMBURSEMENT TO PERSONNEL ALREADY HARD-PRESSED BY LVING COSTS IN BEIRUT. GODLEY

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